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Baytown, Texas

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2003, this Amendment and Response is submitted. No additional fees are believed to be required. However, a formal request for any extension and payment of fees is made below in the event such fees would be necessary. Please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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